

## **City of Auburn Traffic Committee MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Auburn City Hall

1225 Lincoln Way, **Room 10**

**CALLED TO ORDER at 8:32 a.m.**

### **ROLL CALL:**

**Committee Members Present:** John Ruffcorn, Chair, Bernie Schroeder, Dir. Of Public Works, Fred Vitas, (for Alan Young) Planning Commission

**Committee Members Absent:** Bill Kirby, Robert Richardson

Staff/ Public present: Carie Huff, Mike Holmes, and Amy Lind.

#### **1. Public Comment:**

Bernie Schroeder referenced a letter she received from Norris Electric (located on Harrison & Lincoln) regarding the need for a 4 way stop sign. She said she will place this item on the next Traffic Committee agenda.

Mike Holmes said he is concerned with the pedestrian safety at Auburn Folsom and Lincoln Way. He said he would like to see signage in the crosswalk between travel lanes. It was consensus that this issue would be discussed with the pedestrian delineator item on this agenda.

#### **2. By MOTION, approve Traffic Committee 5/15/2012 Minutes.**

**MOTION: Ruffcorn/ Schroeder/ Unanimously approved by voice**

### **Business Items:**

Formerly item #7)

Pedestrian Delineators in Crosswalk along High Street near Edelweiss & Depoe Bay

Public Works Engineer Carie Huff presented this item. She explained the logistics of different signage for the crosswalk. She compared different options and associated costs. She said an LED Pedestrian sign can run as high as \$20,000-\$25,000. The type of signage Placer County used at their county officers are the street paddle type, at an estimated \$300 each. It was consensus of the committee members to **install these one of these types of signs at 3**

**intersections: Lincoln & Auburn Folsom, Depoe Bay, and Edelweiss on High Street.** The committee would like to receive feedback on signage at these locations, and then consider more locations in the future including: Crosswalk to Taco Tree by PHS and Maidu and Auburn Folsom.

3. Bike Stencils for Roadways (Mike Holmes)

Mike Holmes brought this item forward. He said he would like a way to make people aware of bike traffic, even on streets not wide enough or with a designated bike lane. He consulted with Sierra Foothills Cycling Club on which streets in Auburn seem to be an issue. He said a main concern was High Street from Auburn Folsom all the way through town. Other locations discussed were Auburn Ravine and Lincoln Way above the clock tower. He said there could be grant funds available for this type of project. There was concern from the Public Works Department regarding marking lanes when there is no designated area for bike travel. Carrie Huff will look further into limitations for these markings in regards to width, slope, signage, etc. requirements. Mike Holmes said he will follow up with the cycling club on their top 3 locations of concern.

4. Lincoln & Electric Street Intersection Follow Up

Chief Ruffcorn said he send a Sergeant out to work with Donna Shipley on her concerns in this area. He said she is concerned with impeded sight distance turning onto Walker Dr. It was consensus of the committee to move this item to the next agenda when the Shipley's are in attendance.

5. Brush & Vegetation Removal at Fulweiler & Nevada St Intersection Follow Up

Bernie Schroeder presented this item. She said brush removal has been completed both on both sides of the fence at this corner (Auburn Cemetery District side, and City side). Chief Ruffcorn will be sending officers out to the location to check the brush removal to determine if it was sufficient to increase sight distance at intersection.

6. The "Keep Clear" area issue on Palm at 49 (Bill Pedersen)

Bernie Schroeder presented this item. She said with the configuration at the intersection, and the County's improvement project a few years back, a "keep clear" is present for a thoroughfare that is used for businesses and also EV Cain School. The issue is the area left between the "keep clear" and the crosswalk at the intersection of Palm and Hwy. 49, it is not enough room for some types of larger vehicles. After reviewing a map of the area and pictures, it was determined nothing could be changed to improve this, without causing more problems in the intersection. It was stated it is illegal to block a thoroughfare, and vehicles approaching this area can opt to remain stopped before the "keep clear" and their vehicle will still activate the traffic loop to eventually turn the light green.

7. Item moved to first discussion item.

**Other Business:**

Chief Ruffcorn reported on traffic concerns addressed since the last meeting:

- Red line curbing was completed at 155 Hale Street
- Golf carts on the public roadways
- 49 Canyon roadway signage/ Caltrans
- 395 Huntley Speeding concerns, added speed limit signs and enforcement to the area.
- High Street, re-strip to designate left turn pocket by Sal. Army, positive feedback.
- Correspondence regarding Pleasant Street speed issues.

The next meeting will be November 20, 2012 at 8:30 am

**Adjournment**

Chief Ruffcorn adjourned the meeting, at 9:25 a.m.